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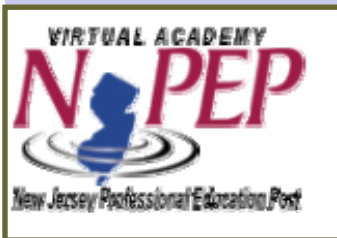
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### Front Page Items: <http://www.njpep.org/>

1. **NJPEP\_PDonline news.** This is a reminder to keep checking the web site for next year's course offerings. See <http://www.njpep.org/pd/onlinePD>. Courses are currently FREE.
  - Cost for a 15 PDH online course will likely be \$120 as of July 1, 2007.
  - Keep checking **NJPEP\_PDonline** at [pdonline@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:pdonline@doe.state.nj.us) for new course offerings.
  - Current professional development is
    - a. Middle School Mathematics,
    - b. ELL in the Mainstream
    - c. Online Facilitation, and
    - d. Early Literacy: Comprehension
  - Check for more early literacy courses in the spring 2007.
2. **Classroom Support.** Did you know that **New Jersey teachers have been sharing their expertise** with all of New Jersey? On NJPEP, check out:
  - a. Teacher projects developed in collaboration with award winners in New Jersey at <http://www.njpep.org/classroom/scene>,
  - b. Activities by NJ teachers in many content areas, at <http://www.njpep.org/classroom/>,
  - c. Reading First modules (check out the video of the teachers) at <http://www.njpep.org/pd/rfpd>, and
  - d. English Language Learners (ELL) in the Mainstream (check out both video and audio of teachers) at [http://www.njpep.org/pd/ell\\_mainstream/](http://www.njpep.org/pd/ell_mainstream/)Use the classroom template, and send us more!

### Professional Development

1. **Novice Teacher Induction Seminars:** Common Concerns of Beginning Teachers, and School Law. December 13, 2006, at PSE&G – Edison, NJ. By Beginning Teacher Induction Center  
Cost: \$90.00. Call 856 256-4730. **Register by December 1, 2006.**
2. **Math +: Math Understanding through Concepts, Applications and Technology.** A 20-hour series at Middlesex County College. The focus will be on exploration and problem solving activities that strengthen math concepts – concepts that challenge students on both GEPA and HSPA. **Registration deadline: January 11, 2007**  
**Workshop dates** are: January 19, 2007, April 20, 2007, May 11, 2007, & June 1, 2007  
**Time:** all from 8.30 am – 2.30 pm.  
**Cost:** \$450.00.  
**For information:** call Laura at 732-548-6000 ex 3144.
3. **New Jersey Conference on Civic Engagement-** The conference will include concurrent classroom demonstrations of promising civic education programs, as well as small group discussions about research, policy changes and community support.  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2006  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m  
**Location:** Busch Campus Center in Piscataway, NJ  
**For information contact:** Arlene Gardner, Executive Director, NJ Center for Civic & Law-Related Education. Phone number: (732) 445-3413.
4. **Early Childcare Conference** at Raritan Valley Community College, March 31, 2007.  
**Submit Proposals by December 8, 2006.**  
Call (908) 526-1200 ext. 8235 or 8377, or email [cce@raritanval.edu](mailto:cce@raritanval.edu).



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**New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards Web site:**  
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/cccs/>

**Contact Information for Core Curriculum Content Standards:**  
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/contact.htm>

**Professional Standards Web site:**  
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/>

**Contact Information for Professional Standards:**  
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/contact.shtml>

**Evaluation and Assessment Web site:**  
<http://www.nj.gov/njed/assessment/>

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## **Parents and Students**

1. **Activities at Home** from the U.S. Department of Education- Science activities organized roughly from easiest to most difficult which are suitable for children from preschool through the early elementary grades. <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Science/Home.html>
2. **Charcoal Crystal Garden-** With parental supervision, children using this classic science project can create crystals. <http://www.bizarrelabs.com/charcrys.htm>
3. **National Gallery of Art's NGA Kids-** Interactive online art activities for children.
4. **Planning to take advantage of activities in New Jersey during the holidays?** Go to <http://www.nj.gov/travel/index.html> and check out activities for this month, and next month – and even how to get there and where to stay.

## **Selected Classroom Resources for December**

1. **AgroWorld-** A bimonthly e-zine developed by Utah State University Agriculture in the Classroom for secondary educators featuring current events, classroom resources, and activities, related to science, applied technology, and social studies. <http://www.agclassroom.org/teen/agro/ezine.htm>
2. Check out **National Geographic Education** for K-12 geography resources, lesson plans and activities. <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/education/>
3. **New York Times Learning Network-** An online current and special events news site with lesson plans and more for grades 3-12; updated weekdays during the school year. <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/>
4. **Read\*Write\*Think** provides K-12 language arts literacy lesson plans and activity calendars filled with online resources for each month. <http://www.readwritethink.org/>
5. **The Kennedy Center ArtsEdge-** Arts-integrated resources for K-12 classrooms that include lessons and web links. <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/teach/>
6. **Arctic Studies Center** from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History- This site encourages visitors to explore the history of northern peoples, cultures, and environments and the issues that matter to northern residents today. <http://www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/>
7. **Holiday Lesson Plans and Links** from About.com- December lesson plans and links for elementary school teachers. <http://k6educators.about.com/cs/lessonplansthe/a/holidaylinks.htm>
8. **National Gallery of Art's NGA Classroom-** Lessons, resources, and interactive online art activities for teachers and students. <http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/>
9. **Celebrate Bill of Rights Day on December 15, 2006-** Explore lesson plans, activities, and other resources at the Bill of Rights Institute site. <http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/BoRDay/>

## **Selected Classroom Resources for January**

1. **Happy New Year! Or is it?** A middle school calendar lesson plan. [http://www.education-world.com/a\\_lesson/lesson045.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson045.shtml)
2. **Martin Luther King, Jr. and Me: Identifying with a Hero.** A K-2 lesson plan. [http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson\\_view.asp?id=257](http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view.asp?id=257)
3. **American Experience: Citizen King**, from PBS. Video, timeline, opinions, maps and more. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/mlk/>